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Mr. John Aldridge Director of Engineering Office of Conservation Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re:

Emergency Waiver

Bol Mex 3 Sand, Reservoir C Bol Mex 3 Sand, Reservoir D

Maurice Field

Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes, Louisiana

Applicant: Amerada Hess Corporation

Dear Mr. Aldridge:

The applicant, Amerada Hess Corporation, has advised that lease expirations relating to the acreage shaded in yellow on the attached plat will occur on or about April 17, 2001. Accordingly, request is hereby made for waiver of the pre-application notice in connection with the above referenced matter. As discussed with you, please schedule this matter for hearing as soon as possible.

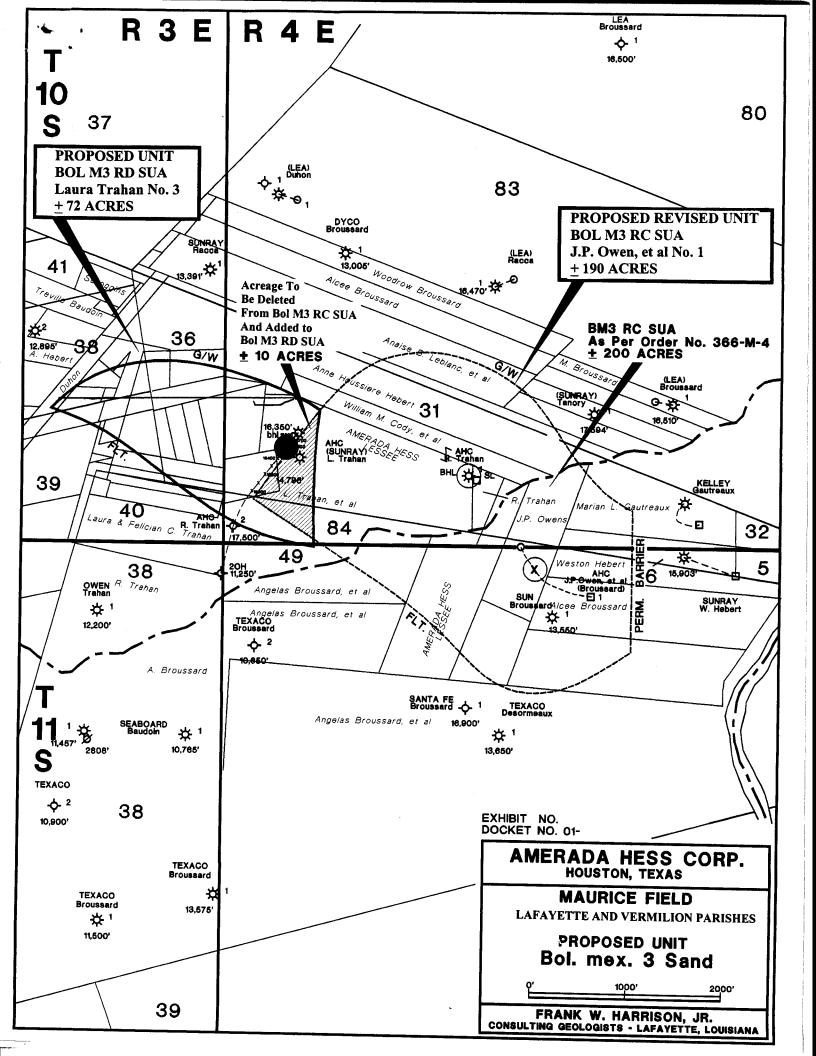
Please be assured that if a waiver of the pre-application notice is granted, we will fully comply with Rule 8 of the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Thank you for your courtesy and assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites Commissioner of Conservation Office of Conservation Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Re:

Bol Mex 3 Sand, Reservoir C Bol Mex 3 Sand, Reservoir D Maurice Field

Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Asprodites:

Application is hereby made on behalf of AMERADA HESS CORPORATION for the calling of public hearings, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the dissolution of the existing unit and the simultaneous creation of a revised unit for the Bol Mex 3 Sand, Reservoir C; and the establishment of rules and regulations and the creation of a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Bol Mex 3 Sand, Reservoir D, all in the Maurice Field, Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes, Louisiana, such units to be designated BOL M3 RC SUA and BOL M3 RD SUA:

- 1. To dissolve the existing BOL M3 RC SUA previously established by Office of Conservation Order No. 366-M-4, effective September 22, 1998, and simultaneous therewith, to create a revised drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Bol Mex 3 Sand, Reservoir C, in the Maurice Field, Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes, Louisiana, said unit to be designated BOL M3 RC SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 2. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Bol Mex 3 Sand, Reservoir D, in the Maurice Field, Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes, Louisiana, said unit to be designated BOL M3 RD SUA.

- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 4. To designate Amerada Hess Corporation as operator of the proposed BOL M3 RD SUA.
- 5. To designate the Amerada Hess Corporation Laura Trahan No. 3 Well as unit well for the proposed BOL M3 RD SUA.
- 6. To provide that any future wells drilled to the proposed Bol Mex 3 Sand, Reservoir D, should be exempt from the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
- 7. To authorize the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the Bol Mex 3 Sand, Reservoir D, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
- 8. Except to the extent set forth above, to extend to the proposed revised BOL M3 RC SUA the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 366-M-4, effective September 22, 1998.
- 9. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Bol Mex 3 Sand, Reservoir C, in the Maurice Field, Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes, Louisiana, was fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 366-M-3, effective December 16, 1997.

The Bol Mex 3 Sand, Reservoir D, in the Maurice Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 15,941 feet and 16,274 feet (electrical log measurements) (true vertical depths of 15,560 and 15,830 feet) in the Amerada Hess Corporation – Laura Trahan No. 3 Well located in Section 84, Township 10 South, Range 4 East, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY from Frank Harrison, P. O. Box 51943, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505, Telephone No. 337/232-4031.

The Commissioner of Conservation has waived the 20-day pre-application notice in connection with this application, and a conference to discuss the applicant's proposals is hereby scheduled for 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, March 1, 2001, at the offices of Liskow & Lewis 822 Harding Street, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503, Telephone No. (318)232-7424.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining each of the proposed units and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested

Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be furnished by the undersigned to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00 <u>made</u> <u>payable to the Office of Conservation</u> and representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

RWRjr/dbf Attachments

cc:

Mr. Richard Hudson Office of Conservation Post Office Box 51285

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